

House Resolution

No. 20

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House Resolution No. 20—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

1 WHEREAS, Our great state and nation strive to promote the
2 egalitarian principles of equality and justice where all people have
3 inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of
4 happiness; and
5 WHEREAS, California’s and America’s diversity is one of our
6 greatest strengths; and
7 WHEREAS, To achieve a just and fair society, we must teach
8 our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences,
9 and to recognize the common good in all of us; and
10 WHEREAS, Our great state protects its residents from
11 discrimination and harassment based on actual or perceived race,
12 color, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, physical or
13 mental ability, medical condition, sex, including gender identity
14 or expression, or sexual orientation; and
15 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
16 have made important and lasting contributions to our great state
17 and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited
18 to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics,
19 education, music, philanthropy, sports, arts, and culture, that enrich
20 our national life; and

1 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
2 come from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, religion,
3 ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, economic status, physical or
4 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or
5 expression; and

6 WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the United States,
7 a sitting President and Vice President, President Barack Obama
8 and Vice President Joe Biden, affirmed their support for the
9 fundamental right to marry, regardless of sexual orientation or
10 gender. Former Vice President Dick Cheney and former First Lady
11 Laura Bush have also affirmed their support for marriage equality;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
14 are being elected to public offices across the country; and

15 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed
16 in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect
17 for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice
18 and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
19 people and their families encounter, and to this end, we call for
20 the passage of the inclusive federal Employment
21 Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) and comprehensive immigration
22 reform; and

23 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we
24 must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Our friends and allies have shown considerable
27 support and commitment to the struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual,
28 and transgender people; and

29 WHEREAS, Each year, June marks the anniversary of the
30 Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay,
31 bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

32 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed June as
33 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month and
34 reaffirmed his administration's goal of eliminating prejudice
35 everywhere it exists and to celebrate the great diversity of the
36 American people; and

37 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,
38 their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and
39 equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the
40 notable achievements, and the outstanding services that lesbian,

1 gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state
2 and nation; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
4 Assembly proclaims June 2013 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
5 Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in
6 celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of
7 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the
8 people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality
9 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their
10 families; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
12 of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the
13 author for appropriate distribution.